

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates

October 30 - Bowling field trip

November 6 - Trivia Night - Sponsored by PTO

November 10-12 - FREE Dental Clinic

November 30 - December 1 - Outdoor Education Field Trip

News

Dental Clinic

FREE, For ALL Students, EASY!

What: The Dental Clinic

Where: Holmes School

When: November 10,11,12, during the school day

Who: The Children's Clinic of Oak Park

How: A permission/registration form was sent home, complete, and return

The fine print: This service is offered to EVERYONE. Your child will be out of class approximately 20-30 minutes. The care includes teeth cleaning and an examination by one of the dentists at The Children's Clinic of Oak Park. If you did not receive a registration form, call the school office and we will send another one home ([708-524-3100](tel:708-524-3100)). Any other questions, please call the school office.

First Grade Fundraiser

Holmes School's First Graders are planning to give back this December with the Chicago-based, nonprofit organization, *Share Your Soles*. Please help us by sending dollar donations with your child. 100% of your donations go to *Share Your Soles*. The 1st grade team will use paper shoes to represent those students who participated in the fundraiser by displaying them on the 1st floor bulletin board. Check out *Share Your Soles* here: <http://shareyoursoles.org>

Bowling Field Trip

This Friday, the 5th Grade will be traveling to Stardust Bowl in Addison for an afternoon of bowling/math fun. While at the alley, we will be sharpening our computation and data analysis skills while enjoying some friendly competition on the lanes. This is our first Guilder activity. A student must have at least 300 Guilders in his/her account in order to be eligible to attend this field trip. Students who are not eligible will remain at school and

will have an alternate assignment. Permission slips and payment are due Tuesday.

Outdoor Education

This year's Outdoor Education experience will be held on November 30 - December 1. We will be travelling to the Lorado Taft Field Center in Oregon, Illinois. Permission slips and additional information went out today. If you haven't turned in a health form, please do so ASAP. If you are interested in chaperoning this field trip, please let your child's homeroom teacher know by October 26. Chaperones will pay the same rate as the students..

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS- holmesspecials.blogspot.com

Art

Our ceramics unit starts this week!

Follow Holmes Art on Instagram: [artatholmes](https://www.instagram.com/artatholmes)

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

We are starting to use **Google classroom** in class for quizzes and assessments. Their recorder and voice assessments are posted. If you want a paper version of the assignment, please email me at akaria@op97.org.

Special Dates this week

Wednesday @ 11:45- Extra help for the recorder assignment

Thursday @ 11:45- Anyone interested in performing a special recorder part with the chorus

Chorus

Chorus will be this Wednesday from 8:15-9. We will be working on our songs for November performance at the Oak Park Arms. An online permission slip has been emailed to you. If you did not receive one please email me at akaria@op97.org.

Spanish

In Spanish we are about to wrap up our first story, Juan el Bombero.

Library, Reading Olympics

The next Reading Olympics meeting will be Thursday, November 5th during recess. Students should be reading their books!

Library

This week we started a cross-curricular research project on freshwater and the human effect on the hydrosphere. Be sure to ask your student about the book they started reading this week, *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. To access the articles for the research project, please go to the 5th grade library page: <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/5th-Grade.cfm>

Please email me with any questions! mmaneck@op97.org

Physical Education

Reading/Literature

This week in reading, we will continue working with this trimester's anchor text, *Bud, Not Buddy*. We will also be identifying main ideas within informational texts about life during the Great Depression in order to deepen our understanding of that time period.

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

Writing

We will continue to work on personal narratives. Students will participate in lessons centered around the idea of showing and not telling in their writing. For example, instead of writing "*I was so mad*" and student might write "*My jaw clamped shut and my face became as red as a tomato.*" Students will also focus on maintaining first person perspective as they write.

Math

We will continue to work on division with two-digit divisors. This week, we will be learning the partial quotients method for division. Helpful explanations of this method have been posted on the homework page of the 5th grade wiki. Our unit assessment will be at the end of the week. We will review in class on Wednesday and take the assessment on Thursday. The unit assessment will cover place value, writing and evaluating expressions with parentheses, multidigit multiplication using the standard algorithm, and division with two-digit divisors. In our next unit, we will be focusing on volume.

Science

This week, we'll be focusing on the distribution of water and how humans use water resources. We will also be graphing the amounts and percentages of water and fresh water in various reservoirs. We will also be revisiting shadows and why shadows get shorter in the morning and longer in the afternoon.

Social Studies

In social studies we will continue to read a book called [A Long Walk to Water](#). It is about Sudanese refugees and their struggle to journey to safety. Accompanying our reading this week are lessons on immigration and refugees.

Word Study

We will be focusing on the Latin directional prefix *ad-*, meaning "to, toward, add to." Students will have their weekly word work assignment due on Friday.

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